

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1402
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COMPUTERISATION OF PDS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have initiated any action plan to computerise the whole functions of Public Distribution System;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount likely to be requested for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a), (b) and (c) For monitoring the functioning of Targetted Public Distribution System

(TPDS) at district and State level, NIC developed a software package in 1997 which was released to all the State level centres of NIC. State Governments were requested to ensure data transmission through NIC district centres to State Food and Civil Supplies Departments.

For this purpose State Food and Civil Supplies Directorate/Department are allocated funds under the central plan scheme 'Training, Research and Monitoring' to purchase one computer system and obtain NICNET connectivity for compilation of data received from all districts within the State. The State Governments/UT Administrations are given a one time assistance of Rs. 1.50 lakhs to purchase this computer under the above scheme.

For monitoring PDS operations at FPS level a pilot project in the State of Himachal Pradesh has been initiated with the assistance of NIC .